

XXX.—A NOTE ON THE GREEN WHIP SNAKE  
(*DRYOPHIS MYCTERIZANS*) AND YOUNG

(With a photo)

A short while ago we received in the Society's office two consignments of this beautiful and perhaps the most graceful of our Indian snakes. Among them were a few gravid females. About two weeks after their arrival one of them presented us with fourteen young, twelve of which are alive and vigorous, one was born dead while the last was expelled still enveloped in the foetal membrane. They were born during the night of September 5 and were discovered the next morning.

The mother taped 1262.5 mm. and the average length of the young, taken approximately twelve hours after birth, was 345 mm., the longest was 368 mm. and the shortest was 339 mm.

In general colouring they are like the parent except that the longitudinal line on either flank is white instead of yellow. There is a distinct white line over the upperside of the orbit which travels forward along the angle of the snout to the tip. This is apparently a juvenile character as it is not present in the adult specimens. The only yellow marking is a short line running backwards from the base of the orbit to the point where the head is differentiated from the body.



The first slough as is customary with snakes took place soon after birth.

